

# The Secretary of State's Roles

## SOS Candidate Natalie Tennant: MetroNews Talkline

One of the Democratic Candidates for Secretary of State in West Virginia says she is ready to take on all of the aspects of the job, from elections to helping businesses locate in West Virginia.

"When you streamline e-government to make it easier for businesses to come into the state and become registered and do work through the state of West Virginia, that's part of economic development," says Candidate Natalie Tennant who is a Marion County Native.

Tennant was a guest on Friday's MetroNews Talkline as part of a series of interviews with the candidates leading up to the Primary Election in West Virginia on May 13th. Early voting begins on Wednesday.

Tennant says the role of Secretary of State is an important one.

"Our elections are evolving. We've seen the change that we have had since 2000, after

Florida, and what has helped with the Help America Vote Act and all those changes. We have to be willing to look at different ways that we get more people out and that we make it secure and we make it accurate and we can have more people involved."

Tennant has worked in television news in both Clarksburg and Charleston and she served as the Mountaineer Mascot at West Virginia University, the only female Mountaineer Mascot to date. She and her husband, Kanawha County State Senator Erik Wells, operate Wells Media Group, a media training and video production business.

Tennant is one of three Democratic Candidates for Secretary of State. House of Delegates Majority Leader and Hancock County Delegate Joe DeLong is running along with Wyoming County State Senator Billy Wayne Bailey.

Current Secretary of State Betty Ireland is not seeking reelection this year.